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Girl critically injured in attack by family dog

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A 3-year-old Waterford Township girl was hospitalized in critical condition after receiving multiple bite wounds when a family dog attacked her on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Waterford Township police state the attack occurred around 10:15 p.m. at the child's home in the 4500 block of Kempf Street. Police arrived on the scene after the child had been transported to a nearby hospital.

The child reportedly was giving the dog a hug when he bit and attacked her. The dog, an American bulldog, belongs to the child's aunt, who was not on the premises at the time of the attack. The dog was temporarily staying with the child's family.

The dog was 8-years-old and up to date on its vaccinations. It had no history of aggression, according to Waterford Police Sgt. Scott Good.

The dog was put down on Thursday, Sept. 24, after being quarantined following the incident, according to Oakland County Animal Control officials.

No new information is currently available on the girl's condition.